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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 10/502,464 Confirmation No.: 4010  
Applicant : Carmen V. SCIORTINO, Jr., Ph.D.  
Filed : July 26, 2004  
Title : METHOD AND KIT FOR IDENTIFYING *PSEUDOMONAS AERUGINOSA*  
Group Art Unit : 1645  
Examiner : GANGLE, Brian J.  
Atty. Docket No. : US 1396/04(VA)  
Date : April 28, 2006

**RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of December 28, 2005, the period for filing a response to which having been extended by three months, from January 28, 2006 to April 28, 2006, by virtue of concurrent filing of a Petition for Extension of Time and the requisite fee, Applicant elects herewith, with traverse, the invention of Group III, Claims 14-18. It is noted that the foregoing election is being made without prejudice to the Applicant's right to file divisional application(s) directed to the non-elected

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inventions of Groups I (Claims 1-5) and Group II (Claims 6-13).

In view of the above, examination of the application on merits is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is due for this submission. Should that determination be incorrect, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies to our Deposit Account No. 01-0433, and notify the undersigned in due course.

Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss further this matter, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Agarwal', written over a horizontal line.

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